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## **POLICY FOR REVIEW OF SPRINKLER SHOP DRAWINGS**

A fire protection sprinkler system contractor registered pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 32, Part 1, through its responsible managing employee, shall submit shop drawings of proposed fire protection sprinkler system installations. After receipt of the shop drawings, the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) will review the drawings and will approve or disapprove the shop drawings.

This policy is not intended to circumvent the requirement for plans prepared and sealed by registered architects and/or engineers where appropriate; rather, the policy is intended to allow the sprinkler system contractor to submit shop drawings to provide for the installation of the sprinkler systems. These drawings shall be coordinated with the architect or engineer of record. The architect or engineer of record shall always provide the design intent of the system and shall review and approve or disapprove the shop drawings submitted by the sprinkler system contractor. Attached and incorporated herein by reference is a copy of the policy of the Tennessee State Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners which sets forth the architect's or engineer's design responsibilities concerning sprinkler drawings. The goal is for the design drawings to provide sufficient information to indicate compliance with applicable building codes and ensure that the builder or installing contractor will not be required to make engineering decisions. The registered architect or engineer shall also provide design from the point of service—that point at which the system is dedicated solely to fire protection—to the building.

This policy is also not intended to result in the fire protection sprinkler system contractor being assigned the architect's or engineer's design responsibilities concerning sprinkler drawings. The design architect or engineer shall not require the sprinkler contractor to provide shop drawings sealed by a registered engineer. The designer shall not assign the engineering responsibilities to the sprinkler contractor. This is not intended to prevent a fire protection sprinkler system contractor from providing design-build services.

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